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of the deposit, to give a receipt for the books, &c., to superintend the removal and disposition of them, provide cases, if necessary, and, in general, to act for this Society on the subject; and, if legislative consent be requisite, to apply for the same, either singly or in connection with the said Trustees, as may be deemed most advantageous and proper.*

Dissolved.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1814.

At the stated quarterly meeting, 27th Jan., 1814, — the members present were, T. Alden, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, J. McKean, J. Pierce, and R. Webster; came in, J. Winthrop, T. L. Winthrop, E. Eliot, A. Holmes, and J. Davis.

In the absence of the President, Rev. Mr. PIERCE in the chair.

Hon. Mr. J. WINTHROP came in, and took the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Rev. Mr. PIERCE appointed to collect and report the ballots. He reported that DAVID HOSACK, M.D., JOHN WAKEFIELD FRANCIS, M.D., and Rev. WILLIAM HARRIS, D.D., all of New York, were unanimously elected Corresponding Members.

The motion of Rev. Dr. Morse, referred from the adjourned meeting, that the Society agree annually to celebrate the 22d of December by a public discourse, was taken up, and referred to the next meeting, notice of it to be given to the members.

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* This Committee reported at the October meeting, 1817. — EDS.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated several letters and donations.*

The Recording Secretary was desired to give notice of the volume now published, and of the purposes of the Society to print annually.

Hon. De Witt Clinton, of New York, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Rev. Timothy Alden.

Dissolved.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1814.

April 28. At the stated quarterly meeting (last Thursday in April), the members present were, J.

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* Among the donations received was a "Spelling Book in the Language of the Seven Iroquois Nations." The gift was accompanied by the following letter from Jason Chamberlain, Esq., dated "University of Vermont, Burlington, 18th Nov., 1813," addressed to the Corresponding Secretary: —

"Presuming that you would wish to preserve a specimen of the Iroquois language in your Historical Collections, I take the liberty to send you their Spelling Book. It was written by a descendant of the late Rev. Mr. Williams, of Deerfield, Massachusetts. His daughter, during her captivity, was married to an Indian, and would not return to her parents. From these two are descended those who are called by the name of Williams among the Iroquois. The author of the Spelling Book has been decently educated. He has published a religious tract, which I have seen, and is now composing a catechism. I will forward these to your Society, if you think they will be of any service. I have seen the Gospel of St. John, and some works by Norton, one of their chiefs. A number in these Nations can read. They have adopted the French alphabet and sounds of letters, but I think that their orthography might be much improved. I found many at Cochnawaga who could speak French tolerably well."

This Spelling Book is entered in the Society's Catalogue under the name of the Rev. Eleazar Williams, as author; Plattsburg, 1813. The Catalogue notices also other works by the same author, as published by the Episcopal Tract Society. Mr. Williams subsequently derived considerable notoriety by an article in Putnam's Magazine, entitled, "Have we a Bourbon among us?" and a volume afterward published by the same author, the Rev. J. H. Hanson, called, "The Lost Prince." — EDS.

Allen, J. Davis, J. Freeman, T. M. Harris, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, R. Webster, T. L. Winthrop; came in, W. Spooner, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, J. Savage, A. Dexter, E. Eliot, and Isa. Thomas.

In the absence of the President, Judge DAVIS took the chair.

Rev. Dr. HARRIS and REDFORD WEBSTER, Esq., were appointed to collect and report the votes for officers. They reported that

HON. CHRISTOPHER GORE	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
JOSEPH McKEAN	„	RECORDING SECRETARY.
REV. ABIEL HOLMES, D.D.	„	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
HON. JOSIAH QUINCY	„	TREASURER.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ.	„	LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ.	„	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. JAMES WINTHROP JOHN DAVIS, LL.D. REV. JAMES FREEMAN, D.D. T. L. WINTHROP, ESQ. REV. JOHN PIERCE	were chosen	STANDING COMMITTEE.

Hon. DE WITT CLINTON was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

The question on celebrating the anniversary was taken up, agreeably to assignment, and Dr. Morse's motion on that subject was negatived.

Dr. SPOONER moved that the Society celebrate the 22d of December next, which was amended by Dr. FREEMAN, and then

Voted, That a dissertation on some historical subject be delivered before the Society in the course of the present year, at the meeting in October; and that the Standing Committee appoint some member for that purpose, and arrange all particulars concerning it.

Hon. Mr. GORE, Mr. SAVAGE, and Dr. SPOONER were appointed a committee to represent to the Legislature

the opinion of the Society that it is important to publish Hubbard's MS. History, and to ask for aid in that design and other public objects of the Society.

The Recording Secretary was directed to secure for the Society the copyright of said History.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

August 30. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, G. Bradford, J. Davis, C. Gore, J. Freeman, A. Holmes, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Quincy, R. Webster, T. L. Winthrop; came in, P. Whitney, J. Bartlett, W. Tudor, and J. Savage.

Several communications were made of donations and correspondence.*

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* On the 21st of August, 1814, died at Auteuil, France, Count Rumford, in the sixty-second year of his age. It will be remembered that, on the 19th of July, 1798, a letter was read from Count Rumford, acknowledging the honor of his election as a Corresponding Member; and that the Corresponding Secretary was directed to forward to him one set of the Society's Collections, in four volumes, handsomely bound. To the Secretary's communication thereupon, Count Rumford made the following reply, which is not referred to in the records, though it is on file in the Society's archives: —

"LONDON, 2 Nov., 1798.

"REV. SIR, — I am much obliged to you for your polite and friendly letter, and hope ere long to have it in my power to thank you for it in person, and to pay my personal respects to the worthy members of the respectable Society to which I have the honor to belong. The honor you have done me by publishing my letter to the late Dr. Belknap, your worthy predecessor, I consider as an unequivocal proof of your friendship and of your desire that I should stand well in the good opinion of my countrymen.

"The many proofs I have received, and am receiving every day, of the indulgence and regard for me have rendered me quite impatient to find myself among them. It is with much respect and esteem that I have the honor to be, reverend Sir, your most obedient servant,

"RUMFORD.

"To the Rev. JOHN ELIOT, D.D." EDS.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Freeman, Hon. Josiah Quincy, A. Bradford, Esq., and James Savage, Esq., be a committee to prepare and publish the third volume, second series, and also to superintend the reprinting of the deficient volumes.

A request of Mr. Kollock was made through Rev. T. ALDEN for the loan of certain works of President Dickinson, to be reprinted in an entire collection of his works, of which a copy shall be sent to this Society.

Voted, To grant the request.

At the request of the Recording Secretary for instructions in regard to the gratuitous distribution of the present series of the Society's publications,

Voted, That to the following persons and public institutions a copy of the two volumes already printed, and all future volumes, be presented in the name and behalf of the Society: —

Robert Anderson, Esq., M.D., Edinburgh.
Rev. C. D. Ebeling, Professor, &c., Hamburgh.
American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Massachusetts.
American Philosophical Society, Pennsylvania.
The late Dr. Jeremy Belknap's Daughters. (Voted Oct. 27, 1814.)
Bowdoin College, District of Maine.
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.
Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences.
Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire.
Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia. (Voted Aug. 29, 1815.)
Massachusetts Legislature; for the Library.
New York Historical Society.
Theological Institution, Andover, Massachusetts.
Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut.
Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts.
Williams Library (for the Dissenting Ministers), London.

The subject of arrangements for the discourse at the next meeting was called up by Mr. PIERCE. The Standing Committee informed the Society that they had unanimously elected the Recording Secretary for that service. He observed that, having introduced the orig-

inal motion in favor of a *public* anniversary-discourse, which the Society have voted not to adopt, he wished the vote passed at the last meeting respecting a dissertation in private to be reconsidered. This motion was seconded by Mr. PIERCE, and passed.

The Committee to apply for aid in the publishing of Hubbard's History made a report, which was accepted.*

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Society to prepare and present a petition to the General Court for assistance in the publication of Hubbard's "History of New England," have attended to that service, and have the pleasure of reporting that the Legislature received the proposition with the feelings which the Society would have expected from that body; and annex the copy of a Resolve passed thereon, which is respectfully submitted: —

"Upon the petition of C. Gore, William Spooner, and James Savage, Esquires, in behalf of the Historical Society: —

"*Resolved*, for the reasons set forth in the said petition, that the Legislature will take six hundred copies of Hubbard's 'General History of New England,' to be published by the said Society, to consist of one volume, and will pay the said Society two dollars for each volume, printed on good paper and well bound.

"And the Governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasury for the same, upon the delivery of the books to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that one copy of said work shall be sent to the Clerk of each town in the Commonwealth, for the use of the inhabitants thereof, and the residue shall remain at the disposal of the Legislature." †

Per order, C. GORE.

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* The report is on file, and is here published. — EDS.

† Some twenty years previously, Mr. Thomas Wallcut, one of the original members of the Society, addressed a letter to Dr. John Eliot, suggesting that application be made by the Society to the Legislature for aid in printing the valuable manuscripts in the Society's possession, and in the archives of the State and elsewhere. In his list he enumerated the Records of the Province of Maine, of the Colony of Plymouth and of Massachusetts, of the Colony under

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Oct. 27, 1814. At the stated quarterly meeting, — the members present were, G. Bradford, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, J. Freeman, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Savage, J. Tilden; came in, R. Webster, J. Bartlett, J. Morse, J. Davis, A. Dexter, and W. Tudor.

In the absence of the President, Hon. Judge WINTHROP took the chair.

The proceedings of the last meeting were read.

Voted, That Rev. Dr. Holmes and J. McKean be authorized and requested to continue the superintendence of the publication of Hubbard's MS. History of New England.*

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the Duke of York, and of the United Colonies; the Histories of Hubbard and of Niles; all the Letters and other original papers from the agents of the Colony or Province to the Court of Great Britain; and Journals and other Proceedings of the Provincial, Colonial, State, and County Conventions, &c. He thought the annual appropriation by the State of one hundred pounds for this purpose would be reasonable. But in case this application for a draft upon the public chest did not prove successful, he suggested that a petition for one or two townships, without the usual conditions of settlement, be made, to form an accumulating fund for the purpose indicated. A draft of a petition to the Legislature, in Mr. Wallcut's hand, suggests that books thus printed should be placed in the library of each parish, college, and academy of the State. There is no evidence that Mr. Wallcut's public-spirited and benevolent scheme was ever brought to the Society's attention. — EDS.

* The Society issued its prospectus, for publishing Hubbard's History, on a broadside, some copies of which are preserved in the Library. It was dated "Cambridge, 1st August, 1814," that place being the residence of the printers of the book, Messrs. Hilliard & Metcalf, and of the editors, Dr. Holmes and Dr. McKean. The prospectus was reprinted in 2 Collections, II. 281–283; and its language was adopted, with slight changes, as the preface to the printed work issued in the following year. The Committee had hopes of supplying the deficiency in the Society's manuscript of Hubbard by means of a perfect copy in England, but they were disappointed. The correspondence relating to the subject may be seen in 2 Collections, III. 286–290. This desirable result, however, has recently been attained, and we need only refer the reader to the Proceedings of the Society for February, 1878, pp. 38–41. — EDS.

Voted, That the daughters of the late Rev. Dr. Belknap be added to the list of those to whom the volumes are to be given.*

Rev. James Richards, of Newark, New Jersey, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Rev. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Voted, That a bill of thirty dollars for numbering the books be allowed.

At the request of the Treasurer, Mr. TILDEN and Mr. COOLIDGE were chosen a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

Dissolved. JOSEPH MCKEAN.

QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1815.

Jan. 26, 1815. At the stated quarterly meeting of the Society, — the members present were, A. Bradford, G. Bradford, E. Clap, J. Coolidge, J. Freeman, J. McKean, J. Pierce, J. Winthrop; came in, T. L. Winthrop, J. Tilden, W. D. Peck, A. Holmes, J. Bartlett, and W. Tudor.

In the absence of the President, Judge WINTHROP took the chair.

Ballots were brought in for election, and the Rev. JAMES RICHARDS, of Newark, New Jersey, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member.

A report was made by the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, stating that on the 26th of December, 1814, the balance in his hands was eighty-three dollars and forty-two cents.

Several communications were made by the Corre-

* Subsequently inserted in the list drawn up at the last meeting. — EDS.